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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF OREGON
EUGENE DIVISION

MARIA BUCK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

VALLEY CREDIT SERVICE, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No.: 11-6192-AA

COMPLAINT;

**FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES
ACT (15 USC § 1692a, *et seq.*);**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This is an action for damages brought by an individual consumer for Defendant's violations of the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.* (hereinafter "FDCPA").

II. JURISDICTION

2. Plaintiff's claim for violations of the FDCPA arises under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), and therefore involves a "federal question" pursuant to 28 USC § 1331.

III. PARTIES

3. Plaintiff, Maria Buck ("Plaintiff"), is a natural person residing in Douglas County, Oregon.

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4. Defendant, Valley Credit Service, Inc., (“Defendant”) is a corporation engaged in the business of collecting debts by use of the mails and telephone. Defendant regularly attempts to collect debts alleged due another.

IV. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

5. Defendant is a “debt collector” as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

6. Plaintiff is a “consumer” as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

7. All activities of Defendant set out herein were undertaken in connection with the collection of a “debt,” as defined by 15 USC § 1692a(5).

8. Within the last year, Defendant took multiple actions in an attempt to collect a debt from Plaintiff. Defendant’s conduct violated the FDCPA in multiple ways, including the following.

9. Using false representations and deceptive practices in connection with collection of an alleged debt from Plaintiff, including falsely stating that Plaintiff could be arrested for failing to pay a judgment owed by Plaintiff to Defendant. Defendant’s employee Debbie Thompson called Plaintiff on June 11, 2010. Ms. Thompson told Plaintiff that Defendant had a judgment against Plaintiff that was obtained on June 6, 2001, and that Defendant intended to renew the judgment that day. Ms. Thompson then told Plaintiff that an unpaid judgment could result not only in her property being taken away, but also in Plaintiff being arrested (§ 1692d(2) & 1692e(10)).

10. As a result of the aforementioned violations, Plaintiff suffered and

continues to suffer injuries to Plaintiff's feelings, personal humiliation, embarrassment, mental anguish and severe emotional distress.

11. Defendant intended to cause, by means of the actions detailed above, injuries to Plaintiff's feelings, personal humiliation, embarrassment, mental anguish and severe emotional distress.

12. Defendant's actions, detailed above, were undertaken with extraordinary disregard of, or indifference to, known or highly probable risks to purported debtors.

13. To the extent Defendant's actions, detailed in the paragraphs above, were carried out by an employee of Defendant, that employee was acting within the scope of his or her employment.

COUNT I: VIOLATION OF FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

14. Plaintiff reincorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.

15. The preceding paragraphs state a *prima facie* case for Plaintiff and against Defendant for violations of the FDCPA, §§ 1692e & 1692d.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment be entered against the Defendant for the following:

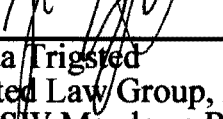
- A. Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the FDCPA;
- B. Actual damages pursuant to 15 USC 1692k;
- C. Statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k;
- D. Costs, disbursements and reasonable attorney's fees for all successful

claims, and any unsuccessful claims arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as the successful claims, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and,

E. For such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

PLAINTIFF HEREBY REQUESTS A TRIAL BY JURY

Dated this 7th of June, 2011.

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